

LAKE LIFEGUARDS

The final report regarding the proposed transfer of the Lake Lifeguards from the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Fire Department addresses the fiscal and operational issues associated with a transfer. The report fails to address the continual problems associated with the Lake Lifeguards being a part of Parks and Recreation. It is important that this Board insure the highest level of safety for the two million visitors that utilize the three Los Angeles County Lakes each year. The Lake Lifeguards need to be housed in a Department that shares their mission of public safety and values the job they perform. When the Ocean Lifeguards were transferred to Fire, there were similar fiscal and operational concerns. Those issues were successfully addressed and now the Ocean Lifeguards are an integral part of the Fire Department.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that this Board direct the Fire Chief, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Auditor-Controller, and the Director of Human Resources to:

- 1. Transfer the Los Angeles County Lake Lifeguards from the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Fire Department;
 - 2. Annually transfer the cost of the Lake Lifeguards, including the overhead costs, to the Fire Special District from the General Fund;
 - 3. Compile a list of the critical start up costs that would need to be immediately implemented and transfer the appropriate amount from the General Fund to the Fire Special District to cover those specific costs;
 - 4. Begin the planning process to address the non-critical start up costs in the future;
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5. Draft an agreement between the County Flood Control District and the Fire Special District to reallocate the Flood Control funding to the Fire Department; and
6. Design a comprehensive marketing plan similar to the Ocean Lifeguard's program with Nissan to try and defray uniform, vehicle, and other costs.

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